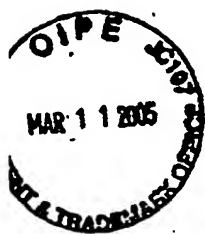


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application, in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 13, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment. In the event that any extension or additional fees are due to have this Amendment and Response entered and considered, this is a conditional petition for such extension, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1700. Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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